

Sand Creek Massacre healing run in Colorado

By Max Bear

During the Thanksgiving week-end, while many were enjoying turkey dinners and family time, some of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members were commemorating another event, the Sand Creek Massacre.

In November 1999 a Spiritual Healing Run was started for the remembrance of Sand Creek Massacre by a Northern Cheyenne tribal member, LaForce “Lee” Lonebear, who passed earlier this year.

In attendance were participants from the Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapaho, Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Blackfeet tribe from Missoula, MT, and an inter-tribal group from Denver, Colo.

The three day event was started for the healing of the descendants and to cleanse the path from which the victim’s remains and body parts were sent to Denver to be celebrated and displayed. Starting from the Sand Creek site northwest of Lamar, Colo. and ending at the Colorado State Capitol, runners of all ages ran the same path our ancestor’s remains had traveled. The following is a day by day account of our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members’ participation in this year’s Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run.

Day 1

After an early morning start all the participating tribal members were issued and donned our new Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run jackets, provided by Lucky Star Casino.

The morning was crisp and cooler than Oklahoma weather at the time, but it warmed up fast and turned out to be a beautiful and warm day for the run.

We made our way over to the Sand Creek Massacre sight for the starting ceremonies and to begin this year’s run. On the way some of our elders observed eagles sitting on high wire poles and fence post, which indicated a good sign for things to come. When we arrived to the site everyone got out and there were a lot of reunion hand shakes and hugs. There were even some new acquaintances being made as everyone began to mingle around before the start of the ceremonies.

Also this was an opportunistic time to meet with some of the Sand Creek Site National Park service rangers who were there on site meeting and greeting folks. Amongst them was a 30 plus year veteran named Craig Moore, and a brilliant historian of Cheyenne and Arapaho families, whom I had the distinct pleasure of talking to and learning about my lineage of Sand Creek. He was also informing others about their lineage and family histories. Moore’s knowledge was quite impressive.



Runner Derek Black (l), takes the staff as he continues toward Denver, Colo.

After that we all made our way up the short hill, summoned by cries in the Cheyenne language from Otto Braided Hair. He was calling to the spirits in the four directions to join us for the pipe ceremony that was to commence the Spiritual Healing run.

The ceremony was being conducted by Reginald Killsnight, also of the Northern Cheyenne tribe. Reginald was recently elected to be the Chairman of the Sand Creek Committee of

the Northern Cheyenne tribe, a position recently held by Lonebear.

When the pipe ceremony was completed Otto told the history of the Spiritual Healing Run and why it was important for us to keep it going for future generations. He told of some of the horrific details that took place at the massacre and that some of the remains and body parts were sent to Denver to be put on display and was celebrated by citizens of Colorado.

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Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Oklahoma State Representative, Lisa J. Billy, Chickasaw, introduces surprise guest, Santa Clause at the Native American Benefit Concert.

Native American concert benefits children

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

When guests arrive at the fifth annual Native American Benefit Concert they do not pay with money to enter the event. Instead they donate a new toy or new clothes and as the guests begin to arrive, fluffy teddy bears, baby dolls dressed in pink and blue, board games and more begin to pile up under the Christmas tree sitting on the stage.

“My brother, Darryl Tonemah, actually began this event 12 or 13 years ago in Phoenix, Ariz. when he saw a need among tribes to help with Indian children

who were in the custody of Indian Child Welfare or in youth shelters,” Loren Tonemah, benefit sponsor said.

The benefit concert was held Dec. 10, 2011 at the Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) in Oklahoma City. State representative Lisa J. Billy, Chickasaw, was the master of ceremonies for the concert. There was a comedy skit by Nahili Billy, Christmas songs sung by the children of Glorieta Baptist Church led by Shera Falls, movie clips of Elf and

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Continuance of adjourned special Tribal Council meeting

By Rebecka Lyman, Ad Sales/Reporter

On Dec. 10, 2011 the special Tribal Council meeting of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes was held at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. This meeting was a continuance of an adjourned meeting from Nov. 5, 2011.

Reaching a 75-member quorum, the meeting was called to order at 10:42 a.m.

Rolled over from the adjourned meeting, the elected chairperson was Ida Hoffman and Diane Willis was elected secretary.

There were 32 items of new business on the agenda to be addressed by the Tribal Council; eight of the items were previously voted on at the Nov. 5, 2011 meeting.

Agenda items already voted on during Nov. 5 meeting were:

1. A Resolution Establishing Public Policy Regarding Transparency in Public Finance and Government Expenditures.

2. A Resolution Establishing Pub-

lic Policy Regarding Tribal Elections and the Integrity of Public Service.

3. A Resolution to Approve Payment on Invoices for Legal Services Provided to the Tribes by the Assistant Tribal Council Attorney.

4. A Resolution Authorizing the Tribal Council Attorneys to Coordinate with the Executive and Legislative Branch on Issues and Projects of Public Importance.

5. A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal fee Property, Located in Clinton, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes.

6. A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property (Elk City Property), Located in Elk City, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the

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Tree brings angels for children

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

It's not just another shining Christmas tree.

It's a tree that will give the gift of Christmas to 31 children ... thus the Angel Tree.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Indian Child Welfare (ICW) program and Lucky Star Casino, Concho have teamed up to provide gifts for the children who currently reside in foster homes throughout the area. They range from 1 year to 17 years of age and without the generosity of caring people, they would not know the joys of Christmas giving.

"This is our fourth year for the Angel Tree and we always have a very good outpouring from a lot of people," Yolanda Woods, ICW caseworker said. "We will take all the gifts we receive and deliver them to the 31 children we currently have in our care."

Hanging on the tree are 31 paper Christmas tree shapes with the age, gender and wish list for each child.

"We already have several names gone off the tree that our employees are buying gifts for," Alisa Guzman, Lucky Star Casino, entertainment liaison, said. "They were gone almost as soon as I put up the tree ... our employees are always ready to step in and help out."

The Angel tree is located in the lobby of the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. Individuals wishing to help with providing Christmas to these 31 children can stop by the casino and pick a name off the tree.

Donations may also be dropped off at the ICW offices located at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal complex or at Check into Cash located at 1121 Garth Brooks Blvd. in Yukon, Okla.

All gifts need to be delivered no later than Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011. For more information call (405) 422-7495.



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Indian Child Welfare program and Lucky Star Casino team up to sponsor an Angel Tree to help bring a Merry Christmas to 31 children in foster care.



Submitted photo

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members, Sophia Tiger and Moses Starr were two of 16 honored elders at the third annual Southern Plains Region, BIA American Indian Elders/Vulnerable Adults conference in Norman, Okla.

Conference focuses on protecting elders

Submitted article

The third annual Southern Plains Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, American Indian Elders/Vulnerable Adults conference was held on Nov. 9-10, 2011 at the National Weather Center located in Norman, Okla.

The conference was co-hosted by the University of Oklahoma (OU) and the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work.

Topics covered during the conference were Protecting and Serving Our Indian Elders presented by Dr. Henrietta Mann, Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal College, Oklahoma Native American History and the Life Experiences of our Elders presented by Dr. Lee Hester, University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma, Indian Studies Professor, Department of Justice Grant Funding and Elder Abuse in Indian Country presented by Sanford Coats, U.S. Attorney.

A panel discussion on Supervised IIM Accounts and Protecting our Elders/Vulnerable Adults Resources took place with Henry Ware, Office of Special Trustee, Concho Agency, Fiduciary

Trust Officer, Sophia Tiger, Cheyenne Arapaho Social Services, Shawna Ware, Tribal Social Services, Osage Nation and Melissa Whiteside, Regional IIM Specialist, Southern Plains Regional IIM Specialist

This year marks the first year the SPR, branch of Social Services has partnered with the OU school of Social Work for the Adult Protection conference. The social services branch is also working on a collaboration with the school of Social Work to form an Oklahoma Elder Justice Coalition.

The Coalition will look at several topics regarding the lack of research and information regarding American Indian Adult Protection.

The OU school of Social Work and the Knee Center for Families will also be partnering with SPR Social Services on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and child protection issues.

It is hoped that the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association will join the efforts to form a partnership to look at issues involving ICW. The Oklahoma Department

of Health and Human Services (OKDHS) has played a large role in providing speakers and subject matter experts regarding adult protection. This partnership continues to flourish.

Closing the conference was the announcement of several honored Tribal elders. Honored elders were picked by their tribe to receive this honor.

This year's recipients included, Moses Starr, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Vernon Cable, Comanche Nation, Beth Glazebrook, Comanche Nation, Julia Langan, Pawnee Agency BIA Superintendent, Sophia Tiger, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Mildred Warrior, Tonkawa tribe, Julia (Tsonetokoy) Wolf, Kiowa tribe, Florabelle (Ahtape) Schrock, Kiowa tribe, Gladys (Komalty) Davenport, Kiowa tribe, Christine (Hunt) Simmons, Kiowa tribe, Daisy Mae McCain, Kiowa tribe, Iva Rose Hunter, Kiowa tribe, Rubie (Paukei) Williams, Kiowa tribe and Matthew Whitehorse, Kiowa tribe.



Courtesy photo

Southern Cheyenne Chief Harvey Pratt addressed the audience on Veteran's Day during the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site's 15th anniversary ceremony Nov. 11-12, 2011 in Cheyenne, Okla.

Pratt is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and an accomplished artist.

Honorable Frank D. Lucas, U.S. Congressman, is seated on the left and Washita Battlefield NHS Superintendent Lisa Conard Frost is seated on the right.

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Indian education conference strives towards success for Native American students

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Shimmering lights softly illuminate the banquet room during the 2011 Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE) awards ceremony.

The annual conference and awards banquet was held Dec. 8-9, 2011 at the Marriott Waterford Hotel in Oklahoma City.

“I am very humbled to serve as the OCIE education president of our council . . . and it is our council, as all of us here are working toward ensuring our Native American students succeed in school and in life,” Mark Wilson, OCIE president said.

The theme for this year’s conference was “Indian Education-Completing the Child, Mind, Body and Soul”.

“The conference provides workshops, professional development and knowledge base to enhance educator’s skills for working with students,” Wilson said.

The OCIE was established Sept. 17, 1982 to build a network of resources and leadership to meet the unique educational needs of American Indian students in Oklahoma. Part of OCIE’s mission statement reads, “*Our guiding principles will be to promote Indian Education at all levels of learning, expand cultural awareness and to collaborate with other organizations to the benefits of Indian students within the state of Oklahoma. OCIE’s vision is to be the catalyst in the achievement of highest quality of education to insured outstanding success of Native American students.*”

During the conference workshops and seminars included Building Kids of Character presented by Robert Greenlaw, director of Publications and Training Character First, Tribal Identity, a Basis for Self Concept for Native Americans presented by Jesse (Red Eagle) Robbins and Cheyenne and Arapaho Language Development for Early Childhood Education presented by Gordon and Connie Yellowman.

Every year the OCIE presents four awards to individuals. The Oklahoma Indian Student of the Year award went to Jaelyn Olsen, Sac Fox, Osage and Pawnee from Bethany, Okla. Olsen is a senior at Putnam City West High School.

The Oklahoma Indian Parent of the Year award was presented to Hope Mathews-Herrera, Comanche, Wichita and Cherokee. Herrera resides in Oklahoma City with her husband,



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

James “Sonny” Bates gets ready to share in a meal during the Oklahoma Indian Education conference awards banquet.

band, Cresenciano and her three children, Janessa, Joli and Josh.

The award of Oklahoma Indian Educator was presented to Dr. Jerry Bread, Kiowa. Bread is a professor and Native American Studies Outreach Coordinator at the University of Oklahoma (OU).

The award for Oklahoma Indian Teacher of the Year was presented to Georgina Gooden, Seminole. Gooden is a gifted and talented teacher at Mid Del Schools and a tutor for Edmond Indian Education for 20 years.

For more information about OCIE visit www.oklahoma-ocie.org.

Dancing under the stars

By Kelly Cooper

Northern Arapaho tribe hosts powwow for New Year’s Eve



Courtesy photo

Ron Valdez is one of this year’s powwow organizers for the Northern Arapaho New Year’s powwow.

All year long the people of the Northern Arapaho tribe in Ethete, Wyo., look forward to their end-of-year competition powwow.

“Everyone is welcome,” said Rob Valdez, one of the powwows organizers. “Don’t be afraid to participate.”

The powwow, held in Ethete’s Blue Sky Hall from Dec. 30-Jan. 1, 2012 is free and open to the public. Visitors can expect to see a wide variety of dances from people of all ages and the beautiful regalia that accompany each dance.

Sandra Iron Cloud, powwow organizer, said the competition is broken down into different categories for each dance and different age groups ranging from children age 7 and

under to retired adults. There are varying amounts of prize money for each dance and age bracket as well.

“The judges will be looking for style, appropriate regalia, timing and personal knowledge of the dance,” Iron Cloud said. “Are they dancing hard? Are they enjoying it?”

Valdez said the women’s categories are typically jingle, fancy and traditional dance, while the men’s categories are usually grass, fancy and traditional dance.

“A lot of care, a lot of time and a lot of money go into making the regalia,” Iron Cloud said. “You take care of it and it takes care of you.”

Valdez, his wife Andi and their four children all participate. Their family has attended powwows across the country and in Canada.

“We try to teach our kids to respect what they have on,” he said. “The outfits are important articles of their family and may include items that have been handed down or given during naming ceremonies.”

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Arapaho ranch flourishes in rough economy

Submitted article

The Arapaho Ranch is a wonderful example of a rejuvenated effort by the Northern Arapaho tribe to reconnect with its strong traditions as a hunter/gather society whose very existence depended on its willingness to live in harmony with nature. The ranch’s USDA Organic Certification represents a strong commitment to biodiversity, and its grass-finished, organic cattle show the Tribe’s belief in sustainable agriculture.

At present, the ranch is able to support 3,500 mother cows and over 2,000 head of yearlings. Through careful management, as indicated by its diligent range and wildlife monitoring programs, the Ranch expects to be able to expand the cow herd to 4500 brood cows over the next three to four years, and finish close to 3,500 yearlings each year on grass. By careful monitoring of range conditions, the Ranch can ensure that the cattle will always finish on a healthy diet of grass and forbs to provide the most flavorful, highest quality beef possible.

The Arapaho ranch, established

in 1940, is the pride of the Northern Arapaho tribe. The rich soils and unique range conditions support strong communities of native grasses and forbs that allow cattle to graze year around. At 595,000 acres, the Arapaho ranch is the largest certified organic cattle operation in the country.

“The Arapaho Ranch, established in 1940, is the pride of the Northern Arapaho Tribe. At 595,000 acres, the Arapaho Ranch is the largest certified organic cattle operation in the country.”

The main goal of management is to preserve the delicate balance in nature, while keeping alive traditional Native American values. The ranch is vigilant in its protection of the diversity of species of plants and animals found here, ranging from the major predatory species of wolves, grizzly bears, coyotes, and mountain lions, through the large wild

ungulate populations of moose, elk, and mule deer, down to the smallest mammals, birds and plant species.

Through careful monitoring of wildlife and range conditions, along with proper grazing management, the Ranch is able to sustain healthy ecosystems where key symbiotic relationships are allowed to flourish.

One such relationship is the unique relationship between predator and prey. Wolves, for instance, by their very presence, serve a unique purpose of discouraging wild ungulates and cattle from lingering too long in delicate riparian areas, thereby allowing these key ecosystems to flourish.

This has the added bonus of preventing the spread of disease, which, in turn, reduces, or, in many cases, eliminates the need for antibiotics. The monitoring of these key symbiotic relationships is just one of the many tools the Arapaho ranch uses to support its strong belief in the sustainability of organic ranching.

Garcia chosen as Morning Star Warrior

Submitted article



Submitted photo
Marvin Garcia Jr.

My name is Marvin Garcia Jr. the son of Marvin Garcia Sr. and Ann Garcia. I am the grandson of Frances and Harry Garcia, John Jr. and Corinne Washee, the great-grandson of Edward and Elisabeth Bull, Fred and Sophia Limpy and John Sr. and Jenny Washee.

I carry the title of the Lame Deer High School Northern Cheyenne Morning Starr Warrior 2011-2013.

I’m a sophomore at Lame Deer High School in Lame Deer, MT. I was elected to serve as the Representative for two terms, 2011-2013.

As the Morning Star Warrior I will not only be representing myself but also my family and the nation of Cheyenne people. I will be representing as a leader with leadership qualities and as a positive role model to the youth, some one they can look up to and not let them down. I believe that is what a role model is and what a leader should be. I believe the title is more than just about the individual ... every titleholder makes it

their own. The experience I had as an ambassador 2004-2005 at Lame Deer Elementary taught me a lot and I traveled to many places. I want to do a lot more with my title as Morning Star Warrior 2013, because I will be the representative, spokesperson, ambassador, brave, and the Warrior of my family, my Tribe, the Nation, my high school and reservation.

I will be traveling throughout Indian Country, the United States and Canada through my rein as Northern Cheyenne Morning Starr Warrior 2011-2013.

I plan on attending the annual Fort Robinson Out Break Run 2012, Denver March powwow, the Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow, the Northern Cheyenne 4th of July Chiefs powwow 2012 and the Ogalala Lakota Nations powwow.

I would like to say thank you to the Class of 2014 Morning Stars For Life. For more information email garcis124@gmail.com.



Photos & Article by
Rebecca Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Huey Lewis & The News

On Dec. 2, 2011 Huey Lewis and the News stepped onto the Lucky Star Casino’s Event Center stage as the crowd started to relive their 1980s youth.

The energetic show demonstrated their commitment to their own sound, starting off with tracks from Lewis’s new album *Soulsville*.

Lewis strutted across the stage and sang *Heart of Rock and Roll* and the crowd cheered and stood to their feet.

While only three original band members remain, the

band has maintained its old-fashioned rock and roll sensibilities with a hint of soul.

At the age of 61, Lewis cheerfully led the audience in sing a longs and cracking jokes about his age.

The band had a horn section and two soulful backup singers, as Lewis belted out classics such as *Respect Yourself*, *Can’t Fight It*, *Got To Get You Off My Mind*.

Once one of the biggest selling groups of the 1980s, Huey Lewis and the News continue recording new albums and touring.

Native American teen makes a mark on beauty pageant

Submitted article



Submitted photo
Chasity Parker

Miss Comanche County Teen USA, Chasity Parker was a contestant in the Miss Oklahoma Teen USA Pageant held Nov. 18-20, 2011 in Guthrie, Okla.

Parker is of Comanche, Cheyenne, Caddo and Puerto Rican descent and is a direct descendant of Chief Quanah Parker.

She is the great-great granddaughter of Leonard and Abbie Yellow Eagle, the great-granddaughter of Sylvester Bearshield and Minnie Yellow Eagle and the granddaughter of Leonard Keith Parker and Norma Bearshield. Her parents are

John and Crystal Carroll and Charlie Perez.

Parker is a senior at Cache High School in Lawton, Okla. She is a member of the gifted and talented class, DECA, Pride of Cache Color Guard, Lawton First Assembly youth member and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. She is also involved with the Cache Elementary Booster Club, End Zone Club, Beta, Native American Club, National Honors Society and a Relentless Riders Christian Car Club volunteer.

Parker was also a state finalist for the 2011 National American Miss Pageant.

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Sand Creek healing run

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This run was important to cleanse that route into Denver to heal the path, not only for us, but our ancestors, whose spirits may still be here. Otto introduced members of the National Parks Service who were stationed there at the Sand Creek site. They told of the future of the Sand Creek Site and what is to come in the future and obtaining other remains that are still unaccounted for not only here in the United States but overseas as well. They plan to work with sources on getting all the remains they can and bringing them back to Sand Creek to be buried with other unidentified remains.

David Hollis, a non-Native who works with the Northern Cheyenne tribe, read letters from some of the soldiers who witnessed the massacre under the command of Col. Chivington. After that the representatives from the other participating tribes, including our own Karen Little Coyote, were recognized and said words of encouragement to the runners and other participants.

When it came time to start, the runners were called to be painted before the run. Otto and Reginald conducted the paint ceremony for all the runners and those wishing to participate. Immediately after being painted the runners were then blessed by sweet grass. The runners were instructed to line up around a rock path that surrounded the engraved granite monument which read “Sand Creek Battle Ground Nov. 29 & 30, 1864”. The runners then ran four times around taking their time because of elders and younglings participating. During this time the two ceremonial men Otto and Reginald sang White Antelope’s song, *Only the Rocks Live Forever*, the same song he sang 147 years earlier before being killed.

After the fourth time around War whoops and lulus sounded out as the runners began to leave the site thus beginning the journey into Denver. From then on the two staffs which were to lead the runners at all times and were to be only carried by males, was being rotated out by different male runners throughout the day as the miles and time went on.

As the sun sank lower in the sky and running all day, we neared the town of Eads, Colo. When we got to the edge of town the run was momentarily halted and all those who wished to join the run for the trek into town were encouraged to do so at this time. Once we reached the downtown area we came to a building that was to be the future site of the Sand Creek National Historic Site Research and Visitor Center. We then heard from Alexa Roberts and other National Park Rangers from the Sand Creek Site stating the purpose and nature of that building.

That building was bought and is being renovated then will house all the archives, historic accounts, and pictorial history about Sand Creek victims and



descendants. Also when opened they will continue to take in any information pertaining to Sand Creek Massacre from anyone who has stories and artifacts. They are still working hard to collect money to complete this project so that this center will be available to everyone who wishes to know more about The Sand Creek Massacre.

Being Thanksgiving Day, all participants were invited to a feast at the local fairgrounds provided by the Kiowa County Economic Development, which is based in Eads. After a delicious meal and good visits we then proceeded into Limon, Colo. to rest and prepare for the next day.

Day 2

The next day was an earlier start than the day before. It was also a bit colder morning and was not looking good weather wise.

The day began a bit wet, but not pouring rain. We were to meet in the hotel lobby at 7 a.m. to go over details from the first day of the run. Led by Otto Braided Hair we were caravaning to a near by Methodist Church in Limon for breakfast. After getting to the dining area of the church we were again summoned to gather and listen from cries in the Cheyenne language by Otto. There was to be a presentation by non-Native members of the church, and it was then explained to everyone that Col. Chivington was an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. There at the church were some of the descendants of soldiers that took part in Sand Creek. Otto had explained that when this run had first started that it was to be for the Cheyenne and Arapaho descendants healing only, but the members of the Methodist Church wanted to have a small contribution in the run in some way.

So after a few years of consideration they were able to have a part in this event. With Otto explaining to everyone that this healing was not just for our people and ancestors but for the descendents of all who were at Sand Creek, soldiers and Cheyenne and Arapaho alike. It was quite a presentation, and the members had composed a prayer song that was to be sung at this

Sand Creek event. They had also rendered this song in the Cheyenne language, with the help of Otto’s translation. Preceding the song and according to custom the church members had a small giveaway that our elders, among others present, had received. Following breakfast we went to the site where we would begin our run. We then found out that the group from Missoula had went into Denver a day early and would join us the next day for closing ceremonies. That left only our group with only four male runners and also two other groups to complete the run for the day.

We had started out from just outside of Limon, with a sprinkle, cloudy skies and a cooler morning. We rotated out runners each time a new runner took the staff, the previous runner would war whoop the other runner for encouragement to press forth. For several miles and another long day we were nearing the small town of Agate, where it was to be the stopping point for the day. Again all those who wished to join in the last mile or so for the day was encouraged to at this time. Then the Staff was brought to a tiny pavilion near a school and that is where the meal took place.

Once we left Agate we made our way to Denver, which was 80 miles away. We had checked into our rooms and only had a few hours to prepare for a candlelight vigil that was to close out the day’s ceremonies. It was a lot colder and the wind was blowing making it difficult to keep the candles lit. The candle light vigil opened up with remarks about where the ceremony was taking place ... in the middle of a sculpture made by Edgar Heap of Birds, a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member.

Day 3

Next morning was even chillier than the previous two, but the sun was out and not as windy. We went to the cemetery where Capt. Silas Soule is buried. He was one of the soldiers who refused orders to attack at Sand Creek. He also testified against Col. Chivington in court marshal hearings, for which he was assassinated outside a Denver court house.

Beginning the events was a flag song, See Sand Creek healing run, page 14

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By Jennifer Southard, MS, RD/LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Avoiding Holiday Weight Gain

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2. Spoons: Use a table spoon to serve higher calorie foods instead of the traditional serving spoon.
3. Plan: Plan ahead for holiday events. Think about where you will be, who you will be with, what foods will be available, and what your personal triggers to overeat are. Have your plan of action and stick to it.

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Dear Santa



..... all I want for Christmas is

Concho Child Development Center



I would really like a Baby Doll, a Barbie doll, and anything Hello Kitty. Oh yeah, bring my big brother Aidon something for his XBOX. Love, **Annabella Ferrell**, 2 yrs. old

I really want a tricycle, a whole bunch of play balls to throw, and I love to push cars and trucks. Please don't forget my brothers and sister. Love **Jayden Plentybears**, 22 months. old

I am sorry I was afraid of you last year, but I am not this year. I really want Dora, an Easy Bake Oven, and a pretty baby doll. Oh, bring my dad and mom a present too. Love **Randi Upchego**, 3 yrs. old

I want a baby doll, anything Tinkerbell, and a Barbie doll. Oh, and bring my brother Kobe something and my sisters Elicia and Khaelynn baby dolls too. Love **Maisie Hulbutta**, 2 yrs. old

I am pretty sure I deserve a princess doll, a Baby doll, and beautiful dress-up clothes. Oh, and you better not forget my brother Trace. Love **Aubrielle Barrett**, 16 months old

Call me "Mae, Mae" that's what my mom and daddy call me. I really need a Barbie house, hair salon, Barbie hair extensions, and a baby doll. We will leave milk and cookies out for you! Love **Tina Ortiz**, 5 yrs. old

I really want a phone, Xia Xia Hermit Crab, Barbie Fairy Princess DVD, Justin Bieber memorabilia and I want hair extensions. Michael my brother deserves a present too, so mark him on the "Good" list. Love **Nikota Haag**, 10 yrs. old

I really want a motorcycle, a helicopter or airplane, a Batman car, a tractor, and Spy toys. Oh, and please don't forget my lil brother Bobby. Love **Ashton Hamilton**, 6 yrs. old

I really want a Fijit, a princess Barbie house, Barbie dolls, and a Happy Feet two DVD. I don't want you to forget my older sister Taylor, she is the greatest. Love **Trinity Black**, 5 yrs. old

Everyone calls me Drelyn, I really want something with princesses, cooking toys, and a tea set. Oh, and don't forget my baby brother Abram. Love **Aeryn Main**, 3 yrs. old

I really want cowboys and Indians, a tractor toy, spy toys, and Webkinz. Since my sister Nikota said I was good, you can bring her something, but not everything she asked for. Love **Michael Haag**, 6 yrs. old

My name is Elicia, and I want a Baby Alive, and a cooking set, so I can make dinner. My Daddy will leave milk and cookies out for you! Love **Elicia Hulbutta**, 3 yrs. old

I really want Transformers, Star Wars, and a whole bunch of WWE wrestlers. Oh and please don't forget my brother, Joshua and sister, Jayci presents when you come! Love **Jacen Bear**, 3 yrs. old

My name is Bradley, but everyone calls me "Boo." I really want Transformers, and some WWE sports equipment. Don't forget my brothers, Riley and Ryan. Love **Bradley Island**, 6 yrs. old

I really want Legos, building blocks, and Spy toys. I hope you remember my new little baby sister Maelee. She wants a bottle. I will leave your reindeer some water just in case they are thirsty. Love **Christopher Morton**, 4 yrs. old

I would love to have some dinosaurs, Cars two toys, building toys, and a Batman. If you have time, you can bring my brother some presents too. We will leave you some cookies. Love **Hubert Youngbird**, 5 yrs. old

I really want a zombie lab, a computer, and I need some mummy books and DVD's, an Egyptian magic wand. Oh, my brother Bryce wants something too. Love **Cameron Longknife**, 5 yrs. old

I want a Monster Truck, Legos, some cool cars or Hot Wheels, fire trucks, and some fireman clothes. Don't forget my brother, Ashton, get him something. Love **Bobby Hamilton**, 5 yrs. old

My name is Aden and I want a bicycle, cars, trucks, and tools. I can't wait for Christmas to get here. I will try and stay awake until you get here. Love **Aden Sam**, 3 yrs. old

My name is Alexia and I really want dress up clothes and princess toys. If you have any presents for my brother Seth, will you bring them? Thanks! Love **Alexia Heredia**, 3 yrs. old

I want Fur Real Friends, fairies, and anything Dora. I don't want you to forget my brothers, Jacob, Jonah, and my sister, Marley. We will bake some cookies for you and milk. Love **Illiana Pollock**, 3 yrs. old

I really want some princesses and fairies, a baby doll, and books. I want everything you can bring me. Don't forget my brother Jayden, he wants balls. Love **Sophia Plentybears**, 3 yrs. old

My name is Ross, and I want sports stuff like a football, basketball, and books. My baby brother Ryder wants some presents too. Love **Ross Island**, 3 yrs. old

My name is Trace, and I want boy toys like trucks, cars, and tools so I can fix my toys if they break. I love my sister "B", so please don't forget her!! Love **Trace Curry**, 3 yrs. old

My name is Charles, and I want spy toys, building blocks, cars, and toys. I really don't want you to forget my brother Antonio. Love **Charles Meeks**, 3 yrs. old

My name is Antonio, and I want tools, spy toys, cars, and trucks. Don't forget my brother Charles. Love **Antonio Meeks**, 5 yrs. old

My name is Mary, and all I want for Christmas is a baby doll and Fur Real Friends. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love **Mary Curtis**, 3 yrs. old

Canton HeadStart Classes



Kaydence Janzen
I wish for a bike, Barbie doll, and doll house.

Konner Pratt
I wish for orange, red, and black trucks.

Paige Kirkhart
I wish for a Baby Alive.

Kobe Little Thunder
I wish for a Nintendo DS.

Jasmine Santillan
I wish for a pony.

Meghan Meat
I wish for puzzles and play dough.

Angel La Fountain
I wish for a fire truck.

Mason Espy
I wish for some pigs, horses and a truck with a trailer for the pigs and horses.

Livia Four Horns
I wish for a baby blanket, clothes, and baby dolls.

Cayden Watan
I wish for dolls and doctor toys.

Lane Denton
I wish for a fire truck

Taygen Whiteman
I wish for Cars 2.

Kamdyn Hulse
I wish for a Barbie.

Bryan Hanson
I wish for Cars and Blocks.

Ryleigh Cheney
I wish for some Earrings.

Scotty Rhodes
I wish for a Batman toy, trucks and cars, backpack.

Torie Kirkhart
I wish for make up, umbrella, purse, and clothes.

Paige Davis
I wish for a baby doll, penguin, and a grasshopper.

Neko Watson
I wish for a piano.

Rihana La Fountain
I wish for a Barbie and Barbie doll house.

Nevaeh Birdshead
I wish for Barbies and a Barbie car.

James Sellers
I wish for Thomas trains.

Bryston Whiteman
I wish for a truck and Star Wars toys.

Sophie Santillan
I wish for a bike, dolls, and a Barbie house.

Ronald Goldston
I wish for a Mickey Mouse, umbrella, and trucks.

MyJoy Montgomery
I wish for a blue Thomas train.

Kylie Prickett
I wish for a train and a pony.

Mason Espy
I wish for some pigs, horses and truck with a trailer for the pigs and horses.

Ella Hulett
I wish for a Baby crib, blanket, baby dolls, and Minnie Mouse.

Lastarza Four Horns
I wish for a big Batman toy, bike, ball, and a dog.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Head Start Program

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Program Concho Center is continuously accepting applications for enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year. The Head Start Program is a comprehensive Child Development Program that is designed to promote high quality services and provide a range of individualized services in the area of Education, Early Childhood, Medical, Dental, Mental Health, Nutrition and Parent Involvement. Head Start Services are responsive and appropriate to each child and family's development, Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic experience.

Eligibility Requirements:

3 years old to 5 years old – must be 3 years old by September 1, and turn 5 years old after September 1.

For Application to be processed, the following must be attached:

- Copy of Child's Birth Certificate
- Copy of Child's Immunization Record
- Copy of Child's Social Security Card
- Copy of Child's Health Insurance card
- Income Verification
- If the Child has Special Needs. Documentation Attached.
- CDIB (If Applicable)

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The Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Program follows Federal Guidelines and local Department of Human Services requirements. The Head Start Program does not discriminate against: Race, Color, Sex, National Origin or Disabilities.

For Enrollment Packet or more information call:
Bonita Bear – Center Supervisor or
Rachel Morales- Family Services Coordinator at
(405) 422-7647 or (405) 422-7645

Merry Christmas



Dear Santa

..... all I want for Christmas is

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Samuel Morton I wish for race cars.	LaRaya Alexander I wish for a baby doll and stroller.	Jzabria Blackwolf I wish for a baby doll.	Daniel“Kaine” Lynn I wish for cowboy stuff.	Abigail Prairie Chief I wish for a Elmo.	Kariona Lewis I wish for a princess doll.
Abigail Rogers I wish for a baby doll and horse.	Jacen Bear I wish for Batman toys.	Zoey Van Hook Factor I wish for a doll and ABC Letters.	Cittali Avila I wish for a baby doll and bottles.	Marcus Morlan I wish for trucks.	Joran Morsette Jr. I wish for cars and trucks.
Ashten Beard I wish for blocks.	Marcella Sankey I wish for a baby doll and sidewalk chalk.	Mikah Littlebird I wish for dolls.	Sierra Lerma I wish for a baby doll.	Krisma Starr I wish for a Barbie.	Iris Rivera I wish for markers and crayons.
Ross Island I wish for trucks and Cars.	Bindi Yelloweagle I wish for a guitar.	Brooklyn Black I wish for a bike.	LaPerla Hoffman I wish for a doll and Barbie.	Linda Munsey I wish for a Dora doll.	Antonio Meeks I wish for computer games.
Jordan Killsnight I wish for a truck.	Marcus Chavez I wish for race cars.	Jaylon Leyva I wish for cars.	Charles Woolworth I wish for Batman toys.	Paydon Yeakey I wish for a truck.	Mary Curtis I wish for Baby Dolls.
Sophia Plentybears I wish for a baby doll and stroller.	Jessie Avila I wish for Spiderman toys.	Abel Mallory I wish for cars.	Braxton Akins I wish for trains.	Haleigh Salazar I wish for bracelettts and make-up.	Chrstopher Whiteman Morton Blocks and Legos.
Charles Meeks I wish for trucks.	Izic Starr I wish for dinosaurs.	Kyla Banks I wish for dolls.	Vincente Baxcajay I wish for cars.	Bryce Black I wish for cars and floor puzzles.	Trestan Sutton I wish for a singing Barbie.
Lauren Whiteshirt I wish for a kitchen Set.	Avril Blackbear I wish for a Barbie fashion doll house.	Chloe King I wish for a bike.	Karizma Luschen Iwish for Barbie dolls.	Eryn RomanNose I wish for a bike.	Nellie-Jean Blackowl I wish for puzzles.
Jerin Sandoval I wish for Monster Trucks.	Jesus “Silas” Meza Jr. I wish for blocks and Legos.	Dezarae Sevenstar I wish for baby dolls.	Taelynn Blood I wish for a teddy bear.	Abbigayle Blackbear I wish for baby dolls.	Rachelle Birdshead I wish for a Tinkerbell.
	Kynadee Hamilton I wish for dolls.	Illiana Pollock I wish for baby dolls and clothes.	Journee Rogers I wish for a pretty dress and necklace.		

Clinton
HeadStart
Classes



I have been a good girl this year please send me a Barbie doll, some make up and earrings. Ashley Alexander	I have been good this year, here is my Christmas list Christmas dress, nail polish, gloves and hat, high heels, coloring book and crayons. Rainie Forest	I have been good this year please send me a reindeer toy, a doll and a real dog, my dog died and some nail polish (orange and gray). Olivia Frank	I have been good this year here is my Christmas list racecar game, Batman game, Toy Story three toys, books, and David book. Isaiah Diaz	I have been a good girl please send me a riding pony, a new bike one for me and one my brother can ride and a coloring book. Keleah Spottedwolf	I have been good this year here is my Christmas list Barbie’s, nail polish, paint, markers, and coloring books. Leeann Hendrix
I have been a good boy please send me a Buzz Light-Year toy and Woody the cowboy toy. Kristian Bennett	I have been good this year here is my Christmas list skateboard, scooter, hat, boots and books. Tristan Cardenas	I have been a good boy please send me a dinosaur and a reindeer toy and a sleigh to ride. Kevin Keith	I have been good and I want a car and stick robot (the black one). Zaedon Collins.	I am a good girl this year please send me a new doll, my doll got lost, some new doll clothes and a purse. Delena Washa	
I have been good this year, here is my Christmas list nails, Barbie, make up, boots and jewelry. Brianna Uribe	I have been good this year and I want toy battery, screwdriver set of tools and a new truck. Ervin Curtis	I have been a good girl and I want a Tinkerbelle fairy, two please and a dollhouse. Audryanna Hicks	I have been a good boy. I want a toy motorcycle and a new bike to ride. DaTavius Ford	I have been a good boy please send me a bumblebee game and Transformer game. Clifton Cayaditto, Jr	I have been good please bring me a board game and some snow boots. Fernando Calixto, Jr.
I have been good girl please send me a pink car, Dora doll and some new earrings. Marley Gamba	I am a good boy I would like a Lightning McQueen with a control and a Diego bike. Angel Rogue	I have been good this year please send me a truck, teddy bear and a toy horse to ride. Tristen Lampkin	For Christmas I would like a choo choo train. Love Jace.	For Christmas I would like a bike. Love Larynz	For Christmas I would like a racecar. Love Marcos
For Christmas I would like cars. Love Zachary.	For Christmas I would like a bike. Love Chiloh.	For Christmas I would like earrings. Love Meraelie.	For Christmas I would like two trains. Love Anthony	For Christmas I would like Toy Story toys. Love Kydrian	For Christmas I would like a Tinkerbelle Barbie. Love DanyElla
			For Christmas I would like a choo choo train. Love Christopher.	For Christmas I would like a little choo choo train. Love D.J.	



November, Stomach Cancer Awareness month

Submitted article

On a chilly Saturday morning Nov. 19, 2011 in Seiling, Okla. a Stomach Cancer Awareness walk was held in memory of Herschel Benton Jr.

Benton lost his life to stomach cancer. The walk was in honor of Benton and for all the ones who have lost their lives to cancer and those who are battling cancer.

His spouse, Alisun Little Coyote, Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness program, Culture and Heritage, C-1 Representative, Bruce Whiteman, Lucky Star Casino, friends and relatives, sponsored the walk.

The walk started at the Seiling Country Club to the Brumfield Cemetery where Benton was laid to rest on May 18, 2011. At his gravesite Alisun spoke of support to those afflicted by cancer, a prayer was given by Burl Buffalomeat and messages were written on balloons before being released to the heavens. Hugs and words of encouragement were given to Alisun, their two baby daughters, Adriana and Ariauna, and his mother, Theda Benton.

Benton lost his live too soon and too fast to stomach cancer, but his memory will always live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

A meal was served at the Seiling-Fonda Community Center for all those in attendance. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all who participated in the walk and those who sponsored the walk.

May Ma'heo richly bless each and every one of you.



Courtesy photo

Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell participates in the Herschel Benton Stomach Cancer Awareness walk in Seiling, Okla.

The Commod Crew and Coyote Hill

By Cliff Stone

A short story featured in an upcoming collection of short stories that will be published in 2012

At least every weekend and almost every day during summer break my cousins, little brother and I would make the dust-blown trek to Coyote Hill. We lived miles from the nearest town and at least a mile from the nearest neighbor back in Geary, Okla. One of my many childhood homes, we stayed with my great-grandpa John Blackman, the last Arapaho Chief.

I was always the first to wake with the smell of coffee, salt pork, boiled eggs and most times the second morning reek of beer. With the watery purple and orange sun only a fingernail over the horizon blinking into the kitchen window, I would begin to make sandwiches of commodity luncheon meat and “skillet bread” for the four of us. These were packed in an old bread sack and were usually nice and dusty by the time we reached the highest plateau in that portion of the country.

After I prepared the lunches, washed up, and brushed my teeth I’d go out to “Oh Papa’s” brush arbor for a short visit with my great-grandpa. He’d always tell me of times gone by and how I reminded him of this or that. I always had much respect and love for this man, but on these mornings my mind was too excited to think of the past. I would have to slip away quietly while he was still speaking of war, love, assimilation ... his mind slipping away with me.

Our adventures to Coyote Hill were the strength I drew on to make it through the long, hard weeks of “Redneck” public school. Living on the Southern Plains, Coyote Hill seemed to be one of the seven Great Wonders of the World to me. Monstrous against the landscape of plowed nothingness, from the distance between the house and the hill it looked like a double humped camel made from red clay. It reminded me of the Sphinx Pyramid I had seen in my Weekly Reader.

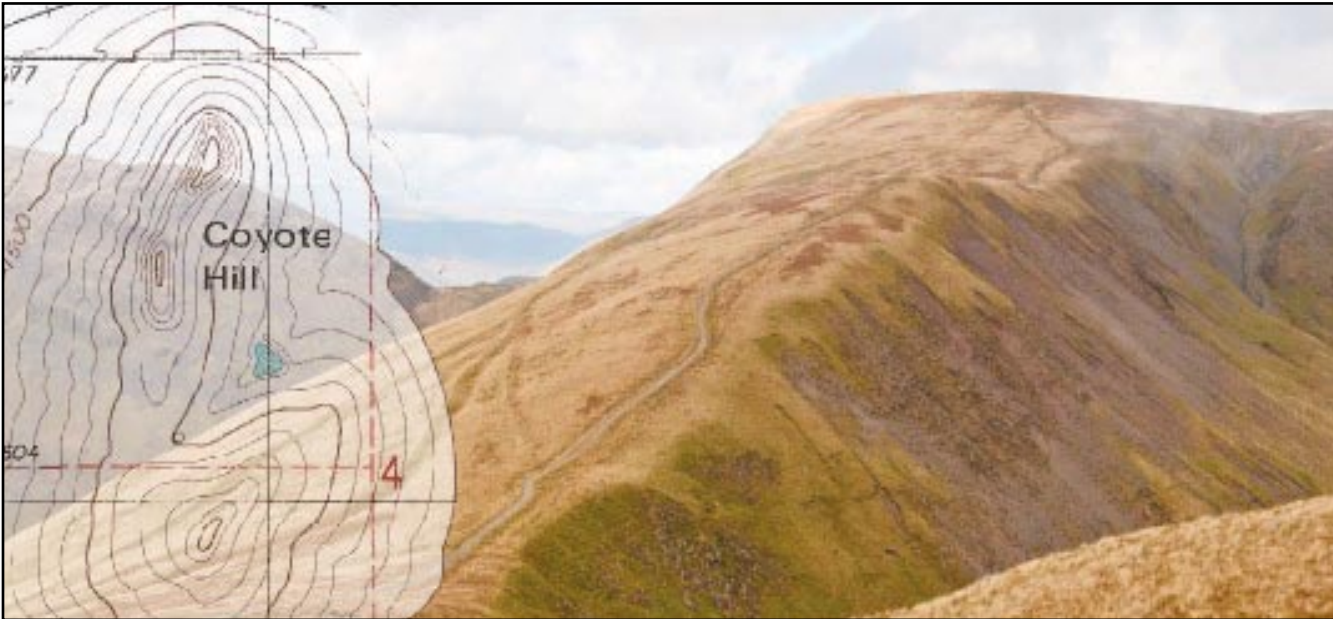
After much sage and sometimes loony advice from “Oh Papa” I would go back into the house to wake the other kids, military style, banging on a sauce pan while hollering “If you’re going to Coyote Hill with me you’d better drop your c**** and grab your socks!” I had no idea what this meant, but my dad, who was in the Vietnam War, used this sort of terminology from time to time and it was quite effective. Even the 2 year old would drop her pacifier and begin bouncing in her crib instinctively. She just knew something big was going down for the Commod Crew.

“Sorry baby-girl not this time, this expedition is for warriors only, oh, and their baby brother and little cousins.” (I had to have someone along that would look up to me and admire my 11 years of worldly experience.)

In much the same military manor the kids, Patty, Sharon and Brandy would come bustling through the screen door still dressing, yawning and wiping the sleep from their swollen eyes. I was a harsh commander only because I couldn’t afford to lose any of them in battle.

With the sun winking a bronze eyelid in the east, I set the pace at a good hup-to. The shorter two kids had to take skip strides every now and then just to keep up with Patty and I. Although, in actual distance the hill was a mere country mile away I had prepared for a good 20 mile hike with water breaks and points of reference.

“This row of cotton is where Geronimo killed Custer,” kind of thing. The kids were in awe of my 11 year old knowledge. “Columbus broke his leg on that stump and had to sail all the way back to Columbia where he came from,” I even allowed for a short break as the morning sun slowly started to sizzle the surface of our sweat-soaked skin. During this break I made a make shift shade out of driftwood, my Geary band jacket and one of grandma Aggie’s scarves.



Rested, excited, hungry, and a little confused we marched on. What to us might have been days, months, eons later (an hour or so white man’s time) we finally reached the sun-bleached dirt road at the foot of Coyote Hill. Here a light southern breeze made it feel as though it were Christmas on the dessert. We stopped again to disperse the day’s rations. Not a word was spoken as each skillet bread sandwich was wolfed down eagerly. The taste of dust and sun-warmed skillet bread gave the troops just the right amount of energy needed to make the zigzagging climb up the face of the giant plateau. Of course, we could have skirted around to the east side where it was hardly steep at all. No! My troops were hungry to challenge this monstrosity head on. We nearly suffered fatalities several times on the way up the base, miraculously cheating death time and again with the safe line I had constructed from the girls double knotted TG&Y jump ropes.

What seemed like an exhausting eternity of smoldering, painstaking climbing, we all reached the summit one by one with altogether different reactions. Shouts of valor, victory, and accomplishment were expressed right along with whimpers of pain and sheer terror. Convulsions and stomach emptying wretches from waterlog and sun souring lunch meat was also expressed by most of the crew.

Oh, but the view of the top of the world was always worth the pain and suffering! The hazy stretch of railroad and farm houses to the east, the shadowy, Goth-like water tower to the south, the sky high grain towers and old high school to the west, and “Oh Papa’s” homestead and the lazy snake of the South Canadian River to the north. I didn’t know what they were at the time, but we could even see the mile sections man had cut into Mother Earth for as far as the eye could see. I thought, this is surely what it must feel like to fly like the red tailed hawk.

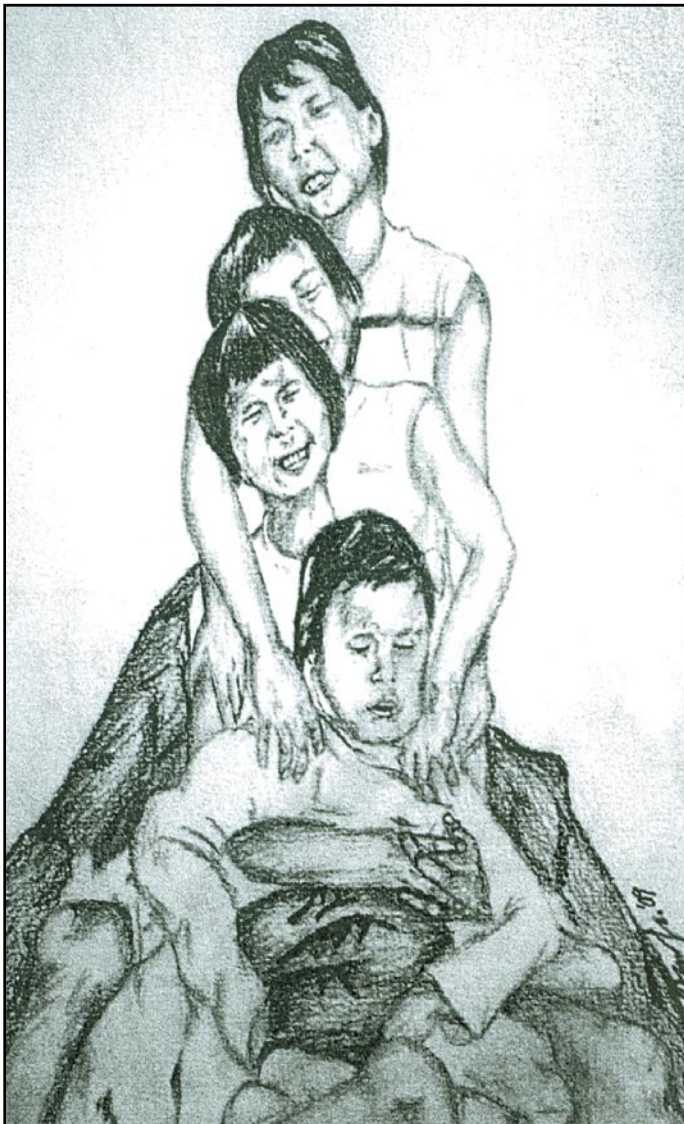
On windy days we would take turns holding onto each other’s belt loops as we leaned, toes on the edge, over the abyss, arms spread wide crying like the brother Eagle.

Most times I tried to plan our play on the hill so that it ended with the setting of the sun. Then I had them sit Indian style around me as I told bits of stories passed down to me with great embellishment. Usually ending magically, with the sun winking out just as I finished the last tale.

The trek home was usually a lot quicker with no breaks or stops. The setting of the sun reminded every one of us why this place was named Coyote Hill. Yelps

of creepy, dreary laughter seemed to surround my troops from all sides. That’s when my company of Dog Soldiers took up the escort. Sgt. Sebastian (a German mix), Big Lou, his mom, Lt. Ralph (some sort of Retriever) and Colonel Tuffy (pure-bred mutt) fell into stride with a stealth any commander would admire. More times than not I’d end up carrying one of the two little kids as they gave all their strength to be held by me protectively on the well worn path home.

Although they never thanked me or said anything I could see the look of love and appreciation on each of their tiny brown faces. I still see that look and sometimes still see that hill in the fading sun.



Sketch by Cliff Stone of the Commod Crew.

Cheyenne and Arapaho youth teams win championships

Submitted article



The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program recently took four teams to Henryetta, Okla. on Nov. 25-26, 2011 to compete in the Warriors Showcase Basketball Tournament. There were teams from Oklahoma, Mississippi and South Dakota that were competing in

seed in the Single Elimination Tournament.

The first game in the tournament, they beat a team from Preston, Okla. 33-16. In the

semifinals, they were up against the Falcons from Choctaw, Miss. The boys won 27-25 to advance to the finals. In the finals, they went up against Holdenville Indian Community. It was a tough game but the boys prevailed on top by a score of 26-24.

Riley Island won Tournament MVP. Marcus Blackwolf won the Outstanding Offensive Player of the Tournament. Elijah Wilson and A.J. Sioux were both awarded All-Tournament Team. Other team members were Tanner Island,

Ethan Wilson, D'Monic Guzman and Stephen Woods.

The 13-14 year old girls won all four games by double digits to capture their Championship in the division. They beat Tonkawa, 46-20, in the championship game. Shelby Hulbutta won Tournament MVP, Veronica Harjo won Defensive MVP and Jandra Levi was awarded the Hustle Award. Other team members were Ramona Pierson, Candace Pierson, Rachelle RomanNose, Annie Slinkey, Tiara Slinkey, Rachel Wilson, Arion Pollock and Zhoonie Sherman.



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The 13-14 year old boys went 5-0 during the two-day tournament. After finishing the pool play at 2-0, they started the tournament off against Holdenville Warriors and won by a score of 56-6. They beat a team from Tahlequah, Okla. in the semifinals by a score of 46-21. In the finals they were up against the Hornets from Choctaw, Miss. and won 48-27. Trey Waters was named Tournament MVP. Bryon Elledge won Defensive MVP and also the Hustle Award. Christian Wassana was named All-Tournament Team. Other team members were Trey Woods, Nick Smith, Trey MedicineBear, Noah Reyes, Ira Blackbear and Brandon Murphy.

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Native American concert

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Nahili Billy, son of Lisa J. Billy performs a comedy act during the Native American Benefit Concert in Oklahoma City.

Alvin & the Chipmunks and a presentation by motivational speaker, Chance Rush. Santa Clause, who posed for pictures with children in the audience, made a special guest appearance.

All gifts and clothing donated at the event was distributed to four tribes, the Comanche tribe, the Chey-

enne and Arapaho tribes, the Kickapoo tribe, the Kiowa tribe and the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OCIC).

“We are usually contacted by tribes who are in need and that’s how we decide who we are going to donate the gifts to and we always include the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic because of all the good they do with our Indian people,” Tonemah said. “We have collected over 700 gifts in the past two events and over 30,000 gifts since Darryl began this event for children in need.”

Other Native American Benefit concerts have been held in Rapid City, S.D., Lewiston, N.Y., Lincoln, Neb., and Phoenix, Ariz.

“I have been blessed to be involved with this event. I am just the background kind of person, Darryl gets it all together,” Tonemah said. “It’s amazing to see the difference the community can make when they pull together. I have two children of my own and it would break my heart for them to go without at Christmas or any other time. We never get to see who gets these gifts but it just makes my heart feel good to know children are opening these gifts we collected on Christmas morning and know there are smiles on their faces.”

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Benefit of the Tribes.

7. A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into An Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property, Located in Geary, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes.

8. A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property, Located in Hinton, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes.

Remaining agenda items:

9. A Resolution to Adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Membership Ordinance.

10. A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property (Elk City Property), located in Elk City, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes.

11. A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Governor to Submit the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grant Application to DOJ in the Amount of \$2,124,932.00.

12. A Resolution to Adopt Rules of Procedure to Govern Civil Exclusion and Removal.

13. A Resolution to Formally Express Its Support for Governor Boswell’s Refusal to Authorize Any Further Payments to Bob A. Smith and Seek All Funds Previously Given to Him if He Takes Any Action Based on His Illegal Contract and/or His Breach Thereof.

14. A Resolution to Subject Bob A. Smith to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

15. A Resolution to Subject Erica Hart-Whitecloud to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

16. A Resolution to Subject Jeremy Oliver to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

17. A Resolution to Subject Michael Rosenquist to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

18. A Resolution to Subject Michael Sulphur to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

19. A Resolution to Subject Padraic McCoy to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

20. A Resolution to Subject Patrick Foley to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

21. A Resolution to Subject Rocky Brown to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

22. A Resolution to Repeal the “C & A Communication Act,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-02-03.

23. A Resolution to Repeal the “Amendments to the Tribal Employee Rights Ordinance,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-07-01.

24. A Resolution to Repeal the “Uniform Procurement Manual of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-07-10.

25. A Resolution to Repeal the “A Bill to Create a Department of Commerce for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-12-03.

26. A Resolution to Repeal the “Election Ordinance Act of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-10-13.

27. A Resolution to Repeal “A Resolution Calling for a 2010 Special Election to Amend the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution,” as That

is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-02-09.

28. A Resolution to Repeal the “Release of BIA Law Enforcement Services” Resolution, as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-06-04.

29. A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into an Amended and/or Modified Firefighting Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Purpose of Designating the Black Kettle Fire Crew as the Home Unit for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

30. A Resolution to Repeal the “Uniform Property Manual of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-10-01.

31. A Resolution to Repeal the “General Revenue and Taxation Act of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-09-01.

32. A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 061111STC-003 to Make Clear the Housing Authority of Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma is Authorized to Apply for a HIP Contract on Behalf of the Tribes.

Item number 9: A Resolution to Adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Membership Ordinance passed with a vote of 67 for, 11 against and 18 abstaining.

Item number 10: A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property (Elk City Property), located in Elk City, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes passed with a vote of 82 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining.

Item number 11; A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Governor to Submit the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grant Application to DOJ in the Amount of \$2,124,932.00 passed with a vote of 82 for, 0 against, 2 abstaining.

Item number 12: A Resolution to Adopt Rules of Procedure to Govern Civil Exclusion and Removal passed with a vote of 74 for, 4 against and 0 abstaining.

Amber Bighorse attorney for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes motioned for an amendment to change in the wording for paragraph three, item number 13. Louella Oldbear second the motion. The amendment was passed with a vote of 69 for, 3 against and 17 abstaining.

Item number 13: A Resolution to Formally Express Its Support for Governor Boswell’s Refusal to Authorize Any Further Payments to Bob A. Smith and Seek All Funds Previously Given to Him if He Takes Any Action Based on His Illegal Contract and/or His Breach Thereof passed with a vote of 77 for, 2 against and abstaining 10.

Item number 14: A Resolution to Subject Bob A. Smith to Civil Exclusion and Removal passed with a vote of 83 for, 2 against and 8 abstaining.

Item number 15: A Resolution to Subject Erica Hart-Whitecloud to Civil Exclusion and Removal passed with a vote of 98 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Item number 16: A Resolution to Subject Jeremy Oliver to Civil Exclusion and Removal passed with a vote of 92 for, 0 against and 6 abstaining.

Item number 17: A Resolution to Subject Michael Rosenquist to Civil Exclusion and Removal passed with a vote of 87 for, 0 against and 6 abstaining.

Item number 18: A Resolution to Subject Michael Sulphur to Civil Ex-

clusion and Removal passed with a vote of 77 for, 8 against and 17 abstaining.

Item number 19: A Resolution to Subject Padraic McCoy to Civil Exclusion and Removal passed with a vote of 83 for, 0 against and 7 abstaining.

Item number 20: A Resolution to Subject Patrick Foley to Civil Exclusion and Removal passed with a vote of 87 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Item number 21: A Resolution to Subject Rocky Brown to Civil Exclusion and Removal passed with a vote of 82 for, 0 against and 5 abstaining.

Item number 22: A Resolution to Repeal the “C & A Communication Act,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-02-03 passed with a vote of 75 for, 0 against and 5 abstaining.

Item number 23: A Resolution to Repeal the “Amendments to the Tribal Employee Rights Ordinance,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-07-01 passed with a vote of 82for, 0 against and 4 abstaining.

Item number 24: A Resolution to Repeal the “Uniform Procurement Manual of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-07-10 was stricken.

Item number 25: A Resolution to Repeal the “A Bill to Create a Department of Commerce for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-12-03 passed with a vote of 74 for, 0 against and 7 abstaining.

Item number 26: A Resolution to Repeal the “Election Ordinance Act of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-10-13 passed with a vote of 85 for, 0 against and 2 abstaining.

Item number 27: A Resolution to Repeal “A Resolution Calling for a 2010 Special Election to Amend the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-02-09 passed with a vote of 85 for, 0 against and 2 abstaining.

Item number 28: A Resolution to Repeal the “Release of BIA Law Enforcement Services” Resolution, as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-06-04 passed with a vote of 86 for, 0 against and 3 abstaining.

Item number 29: A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into an Amended and/or Modified Firefighting Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Purpose of Designating the Black Kettle Fire Crew as the Home Unit for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes passed with a vote of 81 for, 2 against and 5 abstaining.

Item number 30: A Resolution to Repeal the “Uniform Property Manual of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-10-01 passed with a vote of 80 for, 0 against and 4 abstaining.

Item number 31: A Resolution to Repeal the “General Revenue and Taxation Act of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-09-01 passed with a vote of 86 for, 0 against and 4 abstaining.

Item number 32: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 061111STC-003 to Make Clear the Housing Authority of Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma is Authorized to Apply for a HIP Contract on Behalf of the Tribes passed with a vote of 89 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.



Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Cheyenne and Arapaho American Post 401 meeting

6 p.m. Dec. 15, 2011 at the Elderly Nutrition Center in Clinton, Okla. A meal will be served. The post would like to thank all of the Headstaff and those who attended the benefit dance held on Dec. 4, 2011.

Also a thank you to our soldiers serving in the military. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and especially during the holidays.

For more informaton about the American Post 401 email Carolyn Fletcher at sugainikia74@aol.com.

Lucky Star Casino presents the Commodores and Kool & The Gang

Dec. 16, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For more information call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Christmas Bazaar

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 16, 2011 at the Concho Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla. All vendors welcomed. Sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Employee Committee. For more information contact Helen Sheridan at (405) 422-7590 or Eva Olguin at (405) 201-6481.

Glorieta Baptist Church-A Native American Christmas Story

Dec. 17-18, 2011 at the Glorieta Baptist Church, 1308 S. Western Ave. in Oklahoma City. Doors open at 6 p.m. Program begins at 7 p.m. For more information call (405) 632-3365.

7th Annual Bykes 4 Tykes Community Children’s Christmas Party

6:30 p.m. Dec. 22, 2011 at the Pawnee Nation Roundhouse on the Pawnee Nation Reserve in Pawnee, Okla.

There will be a drawing for bicycles for children of the community. All children receivecandy sacks and Santa hats. Bring a camera to have your pictures taken with Santa, Bill and his horse.For more information, call Al Thayer at (918) 399-9041.

Free Dog and Cat Rabies Clinic

1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Dec. 30, 2011 at the Clinton Indian Health Clinic in Clinton, Okla. Available for all enrolled members of any tribe. Must show CDIB.

The Northern Arapaho tribes’ New Year’s Powwow

Dec. 30-Jan 1, 2012 at the Blue Sky Hall, 506 Ethete Road in Ethete, Wyo. For more information call (307) 332-6120 or email arapahotribe@hotmail.com.

New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow

Dec. 31, 2011 at the Tulsa Convention Center, 100 Civic Center Dr. in Tulsa, Okla. Gourd dance begins at noon and 6 p.m. Grand entry at 7 p.m. Registration for all dancers at 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. All drums welcome.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness C.E.D.A.R. classes in January

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 6, 2012 in Concho, Okla., Jan. 13, 2012 in Clinton, Okla. and Jan. 20, 2012 in Watonga, Okla. Must provide CDIB card, proof of diabetes diagnosis and proof of residency and must pre-register by calling Jennifer Southard at (405) 422-7688.

Oklahoma City Powwow Club New Year’s Dance

Jan. 7, 2012 at the the Centennial Building, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Gourd dancing 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Grand entry at 7 p.m. Tiny Tots special. For more information call (405) 919-1572.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Environmental Review Board (ERB) meeting

10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla. Meeting is open to the public as well as all tribal members and tribal employees. Refreshments will be served. For more information, questions or environmental health concerns call (405) 422-7656.

*Glorieta Baptist Church Invites You to
A Native American Christmas Story*

*December 17-18, 2011
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Doors Open - 6 p.m.
Program Begins - 7 p.m.*

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Happy Birthday



Happy 1st Birthday
Abram Main!
You make us smile,
we love you Baby!



Happy 2nd Birthday
Brady D. Wright
and 2nd Christmas.
Love, dad



Happy Birthday
Dec. 3
Taryn "Soncee" Waters and
Thomas Morado "Wubbie"
We love you auntie Tara,
uncle Bob Cox, Mikey,
Robert, Dave, Nate, Jen,
Clayton, Ginger, Zoie



Happy Birthday
David Joe Kaw
from your peach, the woman
always behind you



Happy 8th Birthday!
Donna Lee Sage
Dec. 29
You were my lil
preemie baby!
I thank God every day for
having you in my life!
We Love You So Much!
Lots of Love from
your lil family...
Mommy (Kaye) and all
your big sisters
Rachel, Rosey, Regina,
McKinley and
grandma Tisha



Happy Birthday
Julia Guila!!
We all love you baby! Mom,
dad and grandma



Happy 19th Birthday
Christina Wolfchief and
Merry Christmas.
Love grandma and grandpa



Happy 1st Birthday
Ryder Braxton Island
on Dec. 20



Happy 8th Birthday
Levi Pedro
Dec. 23
Levi you are a great kid and
we are so blessed to have
you in our lives!
Love, mom, Sierra, Seth
and Baby Tracy



Happy 31st Birthday
Donald (Paul)
Spotted Corn III
Dec. 24
Love you always, mom,
dad, Sonny Sky, Whitebear
William, Paulie IV
and Miryle



Happy Belated 10th Birthday
'John-John'
Johnathyn Adrian
Yellow Eagle
Our Little Fancy Dancer.
You make your
Family proud.
We love you and may God
bless you always.
Dad-John, mom-Paris,
brother Alex, Sissy Bindi,
grandmas Wanda-Cathy,
grandpas Gerald
and Sonny, uncles Shane,
Shannon, Matthew, Randal,
Adrian, Fran, Carl Bryce
and all family



Happy Birthday
Larynz Spottedwolf
Dec. 28



Happy 13th Birthday
Joycelyn Bailey Killsnight
Dec. 12
We love you!!!



Happy Birthday Shawn
"DK" Spottedwolf Jr.
Dec. 19, 1986
Birthday wishes to my
husband and best friend. We
are blessed to have you in
our lives. You work hard to
provide for your family. I
love you! Thanks for being
such a great father and
husband!
Lots of love xoxoxo
Sami, Renz and Riah



Happy Birthday
Joran Morsette Jr.
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart



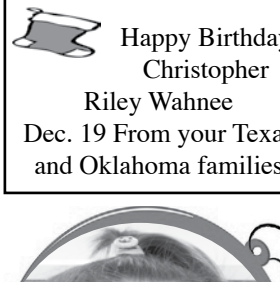
Happy Birthday
Abigail Rogers
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart



Happy
Birthday
Calvin James
Killsnight
12/20/78-4/29/11
We love and miss you!!!



Happy Birthday
Zoe Van Hook Factor Jr.
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart.



Happy Birthday
Christopher
Riley Wahnee
Dec. 19 From your Texas
and Oklahoma families



Happy Belated Birthday
Krisma Starr
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart



Not a day goes by that you
two girls are not loved,
missed or thought
of by your family.
Your always in your
grandma Mary Ann's
prayers as well as
you dad's (Macey).
Love dad, Chelsea, Matt,
grandma Mary Ann



Happy Birthday
Charles Woolworth
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart



Happy Birthday
Abbigayle Blackbear
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart

Happy Birthday!
Teresa Rice
Many Blessing to you and
know that your family is
always here for you!!
Love Always, Mom,
Kendrick, Kassidi, Erin and
Boys, Erica and Trey,Craig
and Chino, Lori and J.





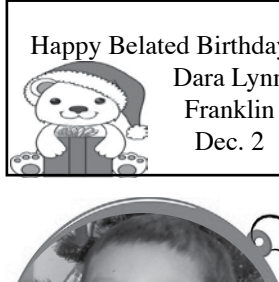
Happy Birthday
Marcella Sankey
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart



Happy 1st Birthday
Titus Sutaio
You were good medicine to
our souls when you come
into our hearts and lives.
You have been a blessing
every single day. Happy
Birthday we love you
mommy, daddy, big brother
Levi, memas, papas
and Ah-Thon



Happy Belated Birthday
Illianna Pollock
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart



Happy Belated Birthday
Charles Meeks
From your friends and staff
at Conch HeadStart



Happy Belated Birthday
Dezarae Sevenstar
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart



Happy Belated Birthday
Jerin Sandoval
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart.

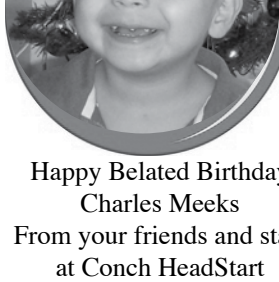


Happy Belated Birthday
Brooklyn Black
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart

Happy 17th Birthday Sami
Our lil Miss Cherokee is
growing up to be a fine
young lady!
May God bless and prosper
you on your special day and



in the future.
We love you! Mom, sisters
Bella, Shonae, brothers
Seth, Baba, grandma's,
aunties, uncle, and all your
cousins and family



Happy Birthday
Janice Wilson!!
Your love and
support helps
make my
life better! "L"



Happy Belated Birthday
Journee Rogers
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart.



Happy Belated Birthday
Marcus Chavez
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart.

- Happy Birthday!!
Michael Gene Morton,
12/02/79-3/01/08
Melvin Charles Tallbull,
Dec. 2
Josiah Reveles, Dec. 6
Bobbi Elise Botone,
Dec. 7
Jim Harvie, Sr., Dec. 8
Casey Dawn Botone,
Dec. 12
Randall Lee Lobaugh,
Dec. 12
Gene Levi Morton,
Dec. 14
Russell Stanley Little,
Dec. 14
Jonathan James Harvie,
Dec. 14
Beverly Morton Brown,
Dec. 16
Samuel Morton, III,
12/18/63-5/24/98
Jennifer Daisy Morton,
Dec. 23
Daniel Walter Harvie,
Dec. 28
From Good Warrior
Descendants

The Family would like to thank our relatives,
friends and co-workers for their thoughts,
prayers, songs and memories shared with us
during the wake and funeral of our Beloved
mother and grandmother, Ruth Clark Woolworth. Also we
appreciate those who helped prepare the meal and to
Turner Funeral Home. May God bless all of you!



In Loving Memory
of Daniel Whiteman, Sr.
01-11-50 09-06-2002
He Only Takes the Best
God saw he was getting
tired, a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around
him and whispered, "Come
with Me". With tearful
eyes, we watched him
suffer, and saw him fade
away. Although we loved
him dearly, we could not
make him stay. A golden
heart stopped beating. Hard
working hands to rest. God
broke our hearts to prove to

us He only takes "the best".
Cancer is a strange cell that
never seems to go away.
Pray for the day there will
be a permanent cure.
In memory of anyone you
know who has been struck
down by cancer or is still
living with it. A candle
loses nothing by lighting
another candle. Keep the
candle going, a small
request. Just one line.
"Dear God, I pray
You will guide someone
to find a cure
for cancer in 2012.
In Jesus name, Amen."



Happy Birthday
Rey Rey!
We love you very much and
we know you are going
places!! From dad, mom,
Chy, David Meno
and Shi Din De

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!
May God bless each and
every one of you.
The Gray family and The
Beulah Penn family



Happy Belated Birthday
Marcus Morlan
From all your friends
and teachers at Concho
HeadStart.



I would like to wish my kids
Carlina Angel and Gregory
Niehhi a very Good Christmas
and thanks for being the best
kids in the world! I love you
both sooooo much. Love your
momma and soon to be born
sister Cayli Anaya

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to:
Personnel Department P.O. Box 167 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag@c-a-tribes.org

Teacher-Child Development
On-Call-Clinton
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED certification or have completed the 10th grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license and pass a physical exam. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings, parent meetings and submit monthly reports. Must have adequate transportation, skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check and a mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work a flexible schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Dietitian-RD/LD
Wellness Center, Concho, OK
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Ability to work independently and ability to be reliable. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including, but not limited to, evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Head Start Teacher Aide
Clinton and Concho
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

Office Aid
Crisis Assistance Program
Closing Date: Dec. 19, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification and a valid driver's license. Must be computer literate and have previous experience with data entry. Must be able to follow intricate direction and delegation. Must have initiative and confidence to do extensive data entry with specific software program by showing the ability to ask questions, present ideas and working with little direct supervision. Posses one year of related experience and must have demonstrated knowledge and skills related to general office procedures, office equipment and filing procedures. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all department client matters and all other matters. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Master Teacher
Clinton Child Development
Closing Date: Until filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including but not limited to evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Carpenter Assembler
Economic Development
Closing Date: Dec. 16, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must have demonstrated work experience in construction of commercial, built-in-place or prefabricated wood or metal buildings. Must have knowledge of machines, tools, including their designs, uses, benefits, repair and maintenance. Must have knowledge of materials, methods, and appropriate tools to construct objects, structures and buildings. Must be able to read blueprints and/or diagrams. Must be able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. and be physically fit to withstand manual labor. Must possess Oklahoma state driver's license. Must possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification and must be willing to submit to a background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Construction Worker I
Economic Development
Closing Date: Dec. 16, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must have demonstrated construction and landscaping work experience. Must be able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. and be physically fit to withstand manual labor. Must possess a valid state of Oklahoma driver's license. Must possess high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must be willing to submit to a background check. Must be knowledgeable in the operations of construction and landscaping equipment and materials.

SALARY: Negotiable

Electrical Technician
Economic Development
Closing Date: Dec. 16, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must have demonstrated experience working in an engineering, electrical or construction field. Must possess an Oklahoma state driver's license. Must be able to read blueprints and/or diagrams. Must be knowledgeable of welding equipment. Must be knowledgeable of electrical installation equipment and other necessary construction materials. Electrical certification a plus.

SALARY: Negotiable

Letter to the Editor
Dear Tribal Citizens and All: I would like to thank all the caring and loving people who have been praying for me in my time of illness. These loving and caring people have helped my wife, Nancy, so much and me. Your prayers and generous offerings to me have just touched me and have been beyond words to describe how I feel right now.


Congratulations to Tiffani Sitting Bear on receiving the \$7500 White Antelope Memorial Scholarship at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo. for the 2011-12 academic year. The White Antelope Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people who lost their lives during the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864. White Antelope, a courageous leader of the Southern Cheyenne, died at Sand Creek while attempting to negotiate peace with the Colorado Militia. Tiffani is a 2011 graduate from Thomas-Fay-Custer High School. She is the daughter of Wannie WhiteShield and Lawrence Sitting Bear of Weatherford, Okla. Her maternal grandparents are Lou WhiteShield and Sherman Smoker of Thomas, Okla. and Caroline Flood of Denver, Colo. Tiffani participates in the CU Student Government and is a member of her dorm council. Her family would like to say they are very proud of her and keep up the good work.


Thank you
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TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINES
At 3 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.


SALARY: Negotiable

SCP RECEIPTS DEADLINE:
Parents/applicants must submit all original receipts to the SCP office by December 31, 2011. (or post marked by Dec. 31, 2011). Receipts for school clothing purchased before receiving SCP funds will be accepted, as long as the date is not before July 1, 2010.
List the applicant's name and enrollment number on all receipts prior to submission. SCP PO Box 170, Concho, OK 73022 Toll Free 1-800-247-4612 Ext. 27866 Fax 405-422-7866 schoolclothing@c-a-tribes.org

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS GOING UNCLAIMED:
Unused funds are being returned to donating companies. A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving minority students are either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because of a lack of interest. The following is a list of scholarships and their Web addresses to pass along to friends and family members with college-bound kids so that this free money will not go to waste.
Rachel Garza Carreón Recruitment and Outreach Librarian University of Iowa Libraries Iowa City, IA 52242 phone: 319-335-6441 rachel-carreon@uiowa.edu

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In Memorium

Ruth Ann Buchanan
April 14, 1955-
Dec. 9, 2011
A wake service was held Dec. 12, 2011 at the Seiling/Fonda Community Center in Seiling, Okla.
A funeral service was held Dec. 13, 2011 at the Seiling/Fonda Community Center in Seiling, Okla.


Timothy Shawn Orange
Oct. 25, 1972-
Dec. 1, 2011
A wake service was held Dec. 5, 2011 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Ok.
A funeral service was held Dec. 6, 2011 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Ok.


Charles R. Yellow Eyes
Feb. 21, 1934
Sept. 25, 2011
Charles R. Yellow Eyes was born north of Watonga on Feb. 21, 1934 to Joe and Mary Yellow Eyes. He died Sept. 25, 2011 in Riverside, Calif.
An Internment was held at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.
He was preceded in death by

his paternal grandparents, Eagle Man and Little Yellow Woman, his maternal grandparents, Powder Face and Young bird, his parents, Joe and Mary Yellow Eyes, his wife Lori, one son, six brothers, Thomas, Joseph, Max Van Horn, Raymond, George, Searoy Bill Penny and six sisters, Agnes Bald Eagle, Emma Todd, Mabel Dyer, Rachel Fletcher, Josephine Smith and Ora Logan. Two sons, Jeffrey and Charles and two daughters, Carla and Jennifer and seven grandchildren survive him. Two stepchildren, Richard and Jena and three step-grandchildren and one sister, Lucille Allred, also survive him.

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:)
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ADRIAN SERGIO TAOS BEAVER)
DOB: 11/9/09)
A minor child)

Case No. PG-2011-12

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: TABITHA RAE BEAVER

You are hereby notified that TAMARA RAYNELL ORTEGA has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of Adrian Sergio Taos Beaver, minor child, and that on December 12th, 2011, the petitioner, TAMARA RAE BEAVER, was granted Temporary Emergency Guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 14th day of JANUARY, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 12th day of DECEMBER, 2011.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAH0 TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:)
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MIGUEL ANGEL MENDOZA)
DOB: 04/20/05)
EDWINA PEWO)
DOB: 04/20/05)
KENNETH PEWO, JR.)
DOB: 04/21/08)
A minor child)

Case No: PG-2011-10

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: AMY RENAYE MENDOZA

You are hereby notified that Miguel Angel Mendoza has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding Sofia A. Mendoza, a minor child, and that on December 6, 2011, the plaintiff, Miguel Angel Mendoza was granted temporary emergency custody of the minor child and that said Petition is hereby set for a Final Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said District Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 25th day of JANUARY, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2011.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

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EDWIN PEWO)
DOB: 04/20/05)
EDWINA PEWO)
DOB: 04/20/05)
KENNETH PEWO, JR.)
DOB: 04/21/08)
A minor child)

Case No: PG-2011-0901

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: CHARITY MEAT

You are hereby notified that Kenneth Pewo has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of Edwin, Edwin and Kenneth Pewo, Jr., minor children, and that on November 21, 2011, the petitioner, Kenneth Pewo was granted guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 28th day of DECEMBER, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2011.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:)
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DEVON RAE BEAVER)
DOB: 7/28/98)
A minor child)

Case No. PG-2011-113

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: TABITHA RAE BEAVER

You are hereby notified that DANA L. BUFFALOMEAT has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of Devon Rae Beaver, minor child, and that on December 12th, 2011, the petitioner, DANA L. BUFFALOMEAT was granted Temporary Emergency Guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 14th day of JANUARY, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, why said Guardianship should not be granted.

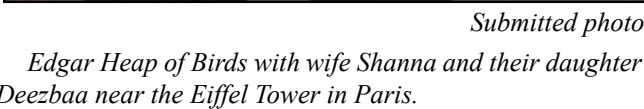
Dated this 12th day of DECEMBER, 2011.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Submitted article

Native art emerged as a fine art in the 1920s when Swedish

The 2011 participation in the recent Paris Salon Exhibition



Heap of Birds enjoys his studio art time with Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal elders and youths, as some of the most important events in his career, and looks forward to continuing drawing and painting at art engagements with tribal members in the future.

Littlesun plans to attend college next year and would like to seek a career in physical therapy.

Thus, it is that the people were saved from certain starvation. Note that the wise woman understood human nature and established the parameters for avoiding chaos in the people's possible rush for food. She foresaw the necessity of ordered patience in equitably distributing this critical resource to make certain no one is excluded. Grandmother Earth teaches us all a lesson about the value of organization and order that we can assuredly benefit from as we go about living in twenty-first century America.



Sand Creek healing run

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memorial song, and a veteran’s song with a similar set of flags that flew over the Sand Creek encampment on that cold November day. An American flag and a white peace flag were raised by Cheyenne and Arapaho veteran Barry Whiteman, Marine Corp and Chippewa Cree veteran Benita Bear, retired U.S. Navy.

Following opening remarks letters from Capt. Silas Soule and Lt. Cramer, another soldier that refused orders to attack, were read. Warnings were spoken regarding the graphic description of these letters, however no one moved. The letters brought tears to some and others bowed there heads in prayer. It was then I noticed the importance of why we started our run at the gravesite of Capt. Soule that day. Also in attendance was a descendant of Capt. Soule.

After the painting ceremony and sweetgrass blessing the run started with war whoops and lulus again. With only four miles to go to the state capitol we briefly stopped on the way at a recently placed plaque signifying the place where Capt. Soule was assassinated for his testimony against Chivington. With a police escort everyone was encouraged to run these last miles war whoops and lulus along the way sounded out as we made our way to the capitol and with the two staffs in lead the pace was slow and steady due to elders and children running as well.

When we reached the capitol opening all the runners were told to stand on the steps and a small area was set up for all the speakers and singers. After a few honor songs and memorial songs some all tribal representatives spoke. We were graced with the presence of a Colorado state senator. All tribal representatives were given a proclamation stating that

Gov. John Hickenlooper of Colorado proclaiming Nov. 24-26 2011 as Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run/Walk Days. Also in attendance and presenting tribal representatives with a similar proclamation was the mayor of Denver. He was the first mayor to attend in the Sand Creek’s run 13 year history.

After a moving closing ceremony all participants were invited to the Denver Native American Center for a feast consisting of delicious stew and fry bread. It was at the meal some round dance songs were sang, folks visited one another, laughed, pictures were taken and good byes were said until next year. That was the end of this year’s momentous occasion in the Cheyenne and Arapaho history.

The Spiritual Healing Run is important for our tribes and others to forgive and heal but never forget about this horrific event in our history. I encourage more young people to run and participate so they will learn about this tragedy and I encourage elders to reconnect with their lineage from Sand Creek so that they may pass it on to younger generations and it may be heard not only here but worldwide. So that events like this may never happen again to any culture or people.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Culture and Heritage would like to thank Chris Derenzo of Lucky Star Casino, Carol Whiteskunk of the Elder Care program, Carrie Whitlow of the R.E.Sp. E.C.T. program, Adrian Prairiechief from Crisis, legislatures, Patrick Spottedwolf Arapaho Dist. 3 and Bruce Whiteman, Cheyenne Dist. 1 and Eddie Hamilton for their support and contributions in making this trip a success. We would also like to express our appreciation to our runners, elders, drivers and staff in attendance, without you this run would not have been possible.

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